

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 65

By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the members of Kingston Lions Club on the occasion of the Club's 60th anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to commend those public service organizations whose members have banded together to serve their communities, state, and nation through community service projects and other activities of regional, national, and even international scope; and

WHEREAS, the Lions Clubs International is the largest service organization in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Kingston Lions Club, which observed its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in February of 2007, is an active and vital part of Lions International, and has furnished a large number of members who have served in roles in the District administration, including four who have served as District Governor; and

WHEREAS, in February of 1937, Kingston Lions Club was chartered with about twenty-five members and has since provided great service, not only to Kingston, but also over a much wider area; and

WHEREAS, carrying out the goals of Lions International, the funds raised by the Club in its early days were utilized for many Kingston improvements; the largest of these was the design and construction of the City Park building; and

WHEREAS, Kingston Lions Club's other early projects included constructing some of the seawall, purchasing the first fire siren and fire truck, helping pay for a portion of the original uniforms of the Roane County High School Marching Band, and providing playground equipment for the schools; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Kingston Lions Club has two main fundraisers: an annual pancake breakfast and an annual golf tournament; the Club has also expanded its area of

coverage and increased its already-impressive commitment to helping provide eye exams and glasses to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Club has initiated a Kid's ID program, which involves preparing a record of a child's height, weight, and fingerprints coupled with a picture of the child; this is given to the parent as a record in the event a child becomes lost; and

WHEREAS, Kingston Lions Club is also generous in the field of education, providing two scholarships each year to Roane State Community College to deserving students in the Opticianry program, supporting the Cherokee Middle School in their drug awareness program, and financially supporting Dunn Diversified Industries in helping the disadvantaged, among many other worthy contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Club devotes considerable work to the projects of the District of Lionism; each fall, the members donate a collection to "White Cane Days," a District activity to help support a number of assistance programs for sight- and hearing-impaired persons; and

WHEREAS, other District activities financially supported by Kingston Lions Club include the "Walk of the Blind," the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank, and the Leader Dog Center; and

WHEREAS, the work of Kinston Lions Club is a clear demonstration of the Lions International motto: "We Serve!"; and

WHEREAS, the history and achievements of Kingston Lions Club during its lifetime clearly are worthy of our commendation and thanks; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join with the officers and members of Kingston Lions Club in celebrating 60 years of superior accomplishments and outstanding service to their community, the State of Tennessee, their nation, and the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank them for their many contributions and offer them our best wishes for much continued success and satisfaction in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.